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Authorization to Expend Funds to Cover Los Angeles County's Participation in the 11th Annual Taste of Soul Family Festival

The 11th Annual Taste of Soul Family Festival will be held on October 15, 2016 in the Baldwin Hills/Crenshaw District. This large festive event attracts over 200,000 participants annually and features family-friendly entertainment, multi-cultural food and cuisine, merchandise vendors, and cultural exhibits and showcases.

This year, a number of Los Angeles County ("County") departments will again inform and educate members of this very diverse gathering about the importance and variety of services offered by the County in areas that include but are not limited to, health and mental health services, jobs and employment, public safety (including police and fire protection), children and family services, indigent defense services, affordable housing, consumer and business affairs, voter registration, veterans affairs, disaster preparedness, homeless services, and other vital services. County departmental representatives will be housed in a centrally located and accessible pavilion venue to provide public information in these many areas.

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The event also provides a unique opportunity to provide meaningful outreach to historically under-served populations and to demonstrate the variety of career options and services offered by the County, one of the largest employers in the region. Given that this event will facilitate the provision of a wide-range of critical social and public safety services, it is appropriate that the County provide compensation for its use of event facilities.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the Chief Executive Officer to allocate \$100,000 for the Taste of Soul event, and to prepare any necessary documents or agreements with the event sponsors for the above purposes, subject to approval by County Counsel as to form, if needed.

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